

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19-21 have been amended. Claims 2, 3, 14, 18 and 26 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1, 4-13, 15-17, 19-25, 27 and 28 are presented for examination.

Claims 1-13 and 17-25 stand rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-37 of U.S. Patent No. 6,668,306. Applicants submit that the above rejection has been obviated by the amendment to the claims.

Applicants acknowledge that claims 14-16 and 26-28 would be allowable if amended to include the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 2, and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Holmberg et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,865,736). In addition, claims 1-13 and 17-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Rakvic et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,668,306). Further, claims 3-13 and 18-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Holmberg et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,865,736). Applicants submit that the above rejections have been obviated by the amendment to the claims to include the allowable features indicated in the Office Action. See Office Action at page 8, paragraph 11.

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

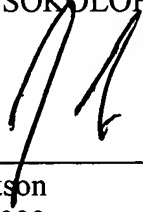
The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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